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EGYPT'S CRISIS ENDS WITH INDEPENDENCE

Sarvat Pasha Forms Cabinet and Plans to Negotiate Treaty.

ASKS NATION'S SUPPORT

To Draft Constitution and Electoral Law and Provide Guaranties.

LONDON, March 2 (Thursday).—A dispatch to the London Times from Cairo says that the letter of Abdel Khalek Sarvat Pasha to the Sultan accepting the office of Premier declares he was unable to take office while the British policy apparently was represented by the note of December, but that High Commissioner Allenby's communication having made clear the real intentions of Great Britain, the situation was completely changed and he has formed a Cabinet.

The letter adds that the Cabinet considers that Egyptian national aspirations will be satisfied by the immediate declaration of Egypt's independence and subsequent negotiations regarding guaranties. The Cabinet will draft a new constitution and a new electoral law providing for the establishment of ministerial responsibility and create a foreign ministry looking to diplomatic and consular representation abroad.

The letter of Sarvat concludes by calling on the nation to support him and to maintain peace and concord.

LONDON, March 1.—A Parliamentary paper giving the correspondence on the Egyptian question shows that Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, High Commissioner in Egypt, has been urging the home Government since the middle of November to withdraw the protectorate and bring into force the principal proposals of Lord Milner's draft treaty.

Lord Curzon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on February 21 transmitted a letter to Allenby to be addressed to the Sultan, enclosing a declaration, which, it was stated, the Government would invite Parliament to approve, terminating the protectorate.

The declaration explains that the Government's attitude has been misunderstood, repudiates any desire to interfere in the internal administration of Egypt, and says that the guaranties demanded have been solely for preserving England's special interests under the conditions of effectiveness existing in Egypt since the armistice. It announced the decision to withdraw the protectorate and concludes with a notification to the Premiers of Canada and the other dominions of the new departure.

INDIA HAS BIG DEFICIT IN LAST FOUR YEARS

Increased Taxation Only Remedy, Says Finance Minister.

LONDON, March 1.—The India Finance Minister in presenting his budget statement today to the Indian Legislative Assembly, expressed regret at having to submit a situation of great financial difficulty due to extraordinary trade depression. The necessity of heavy wheat importations, labor troubles and the curtailed outlet for exports to Russia and central Europe, all combined to bring about the unfortunate result of a trade balance against India for ten months amounting to 33 crores. [A crore is equivalent to 10,000,000 rupees, or normally \$2,400,000.]

During the past four years the expenditures exceeded the revenues by 70 crores. It was impossible to continue in this way and the only practicable remedy was to increase taxation. The additional taxation proposed, it was estimated, would yield 29 crores, and included raising the general ad valorem duty from 11 to 15 per cent, and the cotton excise duty is correspondingly increased from 3½ to 7½ per cent; an increase in the duty on sugar from 15 to 25 per cent; the imposition of a 5 per cent duty on imported yarn, an increase in the duty on machinery, iron and steel railway material from 2½ to 10 per cent, a 20 per cent increase in the duty on alcoholic liquor and an increase in the duty on imported petroleum from 1½ to 2½ annas per gallon.

District Soviet Sends Greetings to Edison

FROM Russia comes a greeting to Thomas A. Edison, hailed him as "the greatest individual benefactor of mankind." The Soviet Government of Simbirsk transmitted through the American Relief Administration birthday greetings to Mr. Edison. The greetings were contained in a resolution adopted by the government of the district in a meeting held to honor Edison's birthday.

BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA SEEK PLACE AT GENOA

Spain Asks Italy to Let Them In, France Approving.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau. Paris, March 1. Spain has opened conversations with the Italian Government on behalf of Brazil and Argentina, who desire to attend the Genoa conference. The French Government already has approved the Spanish Government's request, which has been transmitted to all the governments that were represented at the Cannes conference, including that which has its seat at Washington. The fact that Spain was selected as the intermediary is not surprising. In view of the Spanish bloc at Genoa.

The acceptance of this suggestion would open the doors for all South American countries and make the Genoa conference more nearly universal and would give to it a League of Nations aspect, save for the presence of Germany, Russia and possibly the United States. The French have reasons of their own for a policy favoring this idea. They even suggested it at Cannes, but Premier Lloyd George showed a strong opposition to the invitation of any non-European countries, save the two represented in the supreme council—the United States and Japan. It is believed he has not changed his attitude.

LONDON, March 1.—Announcement is made of an understanding between Portugal, Spain, Brazil and other countries for reciprocal protection of their interests at the Genoa economic conference.

SAYS FRANCE HAS NO THOUGHT OF WARFARE But Must Take Precautions, Declares Poincare.

PARIS, March 1 (Associated Press).—Premier Poincare, speaking before the Anglo-American Press Association today, declared there was not a single Frenchman who had a thought, either for the present, for tomorrow or for a later period, of any warlike enterprise or of annexations.

"We have no other wish than to guarantee peace," continued the Premier. "Unfortunately we are not guaranteed against those who might trouble it, and are obliged to adopt some precautions against renewed attacks and invasions. We would prefer to enjoy security from all exterior peril, but we are obliged to take account of realities, while having no greater desire than to develop peacefully at home our scientific, industrial and social progress and to maintain courteous relations with all the peoples of the world."

AMERICANS IN BALLOON RACE FROM GENEVA

Twenty Entries in Contest for Bennett Cup.

GENEVA, March 1.—The greatest satisfaction is expressed by Swiss sportsmen over the receipt yesterday of America's entry by cable for the balloon race for the Gordon Bennett cup. The number of entries has reached twenty, compared with sixteen entered at Brussels in 1921. Great fetes are being arranged here for the event. A subscription has been opened for a new balloon to be named the "Geneva." The race, which will start September 3, is expected to be thrilling, as the entrants are obliged to fly over the Alps, whatever the direction of the wind.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES TURNED BACK TO DIE

Those Crossing Frozen Dnieper Refused Chance for Life by Rumania.

BERLIN, March 1 (Associated Press).—Refugees crossing the Dnieper from Russia into Rumania are being sent back across the frozen river by Gen. Popovich, the Rumanian refugee controller, and are then shot by the Cheka as soon as they set foot on Russian soil, according to the story told by Germans arriving from the Volga district, who crossed into Rumania two weeks ago.

"The only exceptions are persons who can lay claim to a piece of ground or a house in Rumania, or whose diplomatic representatives furnish funds for transportation through the country," said Friedrich Hartmann, a forty-seven-year-old Russian, born of German parentage. Hartmann declared that thousands had been shot by the Bolsheviks in this manner and now lie buried in heaps under the snow on the Russian side.

"I myself saw the bodies of forty Russian Jews whom the Cheka shot on the Russian shore, to which they had been driven by Rumanian rifles after running the Soviet guard," said Hartmann. "This occurred shortly after a score of Germans crossed in our party. Two men told me that they had seen the shooting, but, not believing this, I went to the river and saw the bodies lying bleeding in the snow where they had fallen a few minutes before. They were thrown into a common grave, to be frozen until the spring."

"One day four Germans, two women with their young daughters, succeeded in crossing the ice, but were immediately ordered back by the Rumanian guards. I have seen the Bolsheviks kill some in cold blood. The instant they stepped on Russian shore."

"We crossed one night in a party of thirty and were fired upon by Russian officers and soldiers were a law unto themselves when on duty at isolated stations or alone. The orders of Lenin and Trotsky were never posted and were never known."

Hartmann asserted that the Bolsheviks had allocated and placed at the disposal of the National Jewish Council of Lithuania 24,000,000 marks for the rehabilitation of the Jews who suffered from the war. Director Helmann informed the second Congress of Jewish Communities. Part of this money will be applied for the constructive relief of the thousands of Jews who are commencing to return to Russia, whether they had been expelled by the former imperial Government.

AMERICAN JEWS SEND AID TO LITHUANIANS Contribute 24,000,000 Marks to Help Those Returning.

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WAR DOGS OF FRANCE TO HAVE MONUMENT

Plan Meets With Approval of the Entire Nation.

PARIS, March 1.—The war dogs of France are to have a monument erected in their honor if present plans materialize. The idea has met with approval throughout the country because every one recalls the great service these dumb creatures rendered.

Ten thousand of them hauled machine guns, while hundreds of others served as dispatch runners and sentries. Some were even classed as telephone operators. These were highly trained dogs who were taught to patrol with a small telephone instrument on their backs, attached to a wire connected with the trenches. The bark of the dog would warn the sentry of any trouble. An entire regiment was saved in this manner by one dog.

BRITAIN ECONOMIZES BY BIG BUDGET CUT

Reduction of £64,000,000 Is Made in Army, Navy and Education Estimates.

LONDON, March 1 (Associated Press).—Addressing the House of Commons today in a speech in which he minutely detailed the economies the Government has decided to adopt in connection with the recommendations of the Economy Committee headed by Sir Eric Geddes, Sir Robert S. Horne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, asserted that these would total £64,000,000, compared with £86,000,000 advised by the committee. Of the total amount of economies to be effected, £34,000,000 would be saved in the coming financial year.

The principal points in the Chancellor's address were his acceptance of reductions in the army estimates by £16,500,000, instead of £20,000,000, as suggested in the Geddes committee; his statement that the naval estimates for 1922-23 would be below £61,000,000, as against nearly £82,500,000 for the current year, and the announcement that it was the purpose to economize by a reduction of £6,500,000 in the education estimates, instead of by £18,000,000 as suggested in the Geddes report.

The Chancellor made many references to the Washington conference, and expressed the hope that there might be further developments from it. When it was known what the other Powers were doing, still further naval reductions might be possible. But at present he would not say whether the Admiralty to reduce further, considering the extent of Empire responsibilities. It was only through the great achievement of the Washington conference that the present reductions were possible, the Chancellor added. He pointed out that the personnel of the navy was 96,000, as compared with a pre-war strength of 151,000 and a personnel of 129,000 in the American fleet.

Sir Robert explained that the difference between the advice of the Geddes report for a reduction of 54,000 men in the army, and the reduction of 38,000 actually adopted, as having been largely due to the requirements of the Indian Government. He said the air estimates would be reduced next year by £10,500,000, as compared with the suggestion of £18,500,000.

The Chancellor said the Government had recommended the cancellation in the army of twenty-four battalions of the line, and the equivalent of five cavalry regiments, and a reduction of the artillery by 40 per cent.

The Government, added Sir Robert, had proposed a reduction in the education estimates of £6,500,000.

RAIN SPOILS FIRST DAY OF HONEYMOON

Princess Mary and Her Husband, Viscount Lascelles, Had Planned Outing.

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Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, and Viscount Lascelles spent a quiet day at Lord Bradford's manor, Weston Park, near Shifnal, today, the bride remaining indoors because of the rain. Horses were ordered saddled and brought to the house, but the order was canceled. The honeymooners passed several interesting hours inspecting the famous manor house, with its rare old furniture, Gobelin tapestries and splendid library of several thousand books.

There was an absence of any formality at the mansion, as no relatives or court attendants were there, only servants of the household. The couple plan not to leave the estate for a few days. The grounds include 11,000 acres, part of it enclosed with a high wall, with many beautiful walks, lakes for fishing, an extensive area of grassland for riding and four of Lady Bradford's horses awaiting the wishes of the Viscountess.

But both the honeymooners have the intention of maintaining privacy. They have canceled an order for a special telephone and have decided they will not ride to the Albrighton meet next Saturday.

The couple plan to leave about the ninth of this month, but their departure will be in secret, as they desire no further demonstrations. They will go to Italy, where they will be the guests of the Viscount's cousin, Lady Sybil Scott, at the Villa Medici in Florence. Probably they will remain there for three weeks. Italians in that district are planning to extend them a hearty welcome.

LONDON, March 1 (Associated Press).—Announcement was made today that in response to many requests the whole musical portion of yesterday's wedding ceremony in Westminster Abbey would be repeated by the combined Abbey and Chapel Royal choir two weeks hence.

The newspapers today reported the great achievement of carrying out yesterday's program in perfect order, despite the fact that the crowds constituted the largest public gathering ever recorded at any state function. Scotland Yard reported that altogether nearly 9,000 police were on duty, and it was unofficially stated that the ambulance corps dealt with 500 cases of fainting, so dense were the crowds in some places.



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